

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-67 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 is hereby amended to recite “open betting line” instead of “open line”, and “bettable event” instead of “bettable events”. Claims 49-51, 54 and 60 are amended to include a semicolon following the word “comprising”. These amendments correct simple typographical errors and improve the clarity of the claims. No new matter is added by these amendments.

The Examiner objected to the original Inventor's Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. A new Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application signed by both inventors was filed on July 11, 2007. It is believed this new Declaration is acceptable and meets the necessary requirements.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 because the phrase “freezing tokens bet on said open line” contains insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 is hereby amended to recite “freezing tokens bet on said open betting line”. Antecedent basis for an open betting line can be found on line 15 of claim 1. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 1 as amended and dependent claims 2-18 are allowable.

This amendment is accompanied by formal replacement drawings as required by the Examiner. The replacement sheets of the drawings replace Figures 1 - 13 as originally filed on November 19, 2003. The replacement figures clarify the figures and replace hand drawn lines. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. If there are further issues related to patentability, the courtesy of a telephone interview is requested, and the Examiner is invited to call to arrange a mutually convenient time. It is believed that this submission

does not require the payment of any fees. However, if this is incorrect, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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